Is "To Live as Jesus Lived" Being Fulfilled in You?

Is every choice, action, and plan of yours subject to the goal of being like Christ?

 Answer: Yes — Explanation: A Christian born of the heavenly Father lives with one goal: to become more and more like Christ. All aspects of life— thinking, speaking, relationships, work, leisure—are subordinated to this holy goal: “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.” (Romans 8:29) “For to me, to live is Christ.” (Philippians 1:21)

Being born again produces a radical change of direction: man no longer lives for himself, but to be like Christ. This inner transformation causes all decisions, priorities, and desires to be aligned with the goal of reflecting His character every day.

Living with this purpose means being fascinated by the way Lord Jesus lived and earnestly desiring to live as He did. Lord Jesus' life on earth was the perfect model of a life rooted in the Father's will. Scripture shows us how He lived: He emptied Himself (Philippians 2:6-7). He was humble (Matthew 11:29). His delight was the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:3). He made Himself a servant (Philippians 2:7). These traits are not just ideals to admire, but realities to be personally appropriated in our relationship with Christ. They are not optional, but essential conditions for the Holy Spirit to work in us the transformation that 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."

Therefore, they become filters through which we should pass every choice in our lives: Is this decision in the spirit of self-denial? Am I submissive to Christ, as He was to the Father? Do I behave as a servant, as Christ did? Do I find pleasure in obedience? Does my attitude reflect Christ?

Practical example: How do I achieve long-suffering? To acquire this virtue, we can apply the Lord Jesus' teaching on non-resistance, living as He lived: in self-denial, humility, as a servant to His teaching, and in the fear of the Lord, under the prompting and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Lord Jesus taught us: “Do not resist the one who is evl. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also” (Matthew 5:39).

This command is not just a moral suggestion, but a call to a life radically different from what the world teaches. The world says, “Fight back! Defend yourself! Get even!” But

Christ says, “Do not resist.” To live this teaching, we must live as He lived—in relationship with Him, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

1. Self-denial—I consciously and voluntarily renounce the values, principles, and teachings of the world—those old things that shaped me before I knew Christ. In their place, I choose to receive and submit to the teaching of Christ—a teaching that comes from above, from heaven, and is part of the new life.

Self-denial means intentionally renouncing what I have been taught by the world: to respond with evil, to defend myself, to justify myself. I choose to say, "Lord, I no longer want to live according to the world's thinking. I accept Your teaching, even if it is difficult for my nature." This choice opens my heart to the work of the Holy Spirit, who teaches me a new way—the way of gentleness and patience.

2. Humility – I accept that I need to be taught and corrected. Humility expresses a humble and submissive heart that does not exalt itself, justify itself, or claim rights. It makes me teachable. I do not consider myself entitled to react, but I submit to God's will. Psalm 25:9 says, “He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way”. Humility helps me not to feel offended, but to see injustice as an opportunity to be transformed into His character, not to defend myself.

3. I make myself a slave to Christ's teaching—I don't negotiate with the command, but submit to it. I don't look for excuses or justifications. Christ's teaching becomes my authority. I say, "Lord, if You said not to resist, then I submit. Even if it hurts." This sincere submission allows the Holy Spirit to form in me a patience that is not natural, but supernatural.

4. Fear of the Lord – I obey Him in everything He commands, regardless of the cost. Fear of the Lord is not just an emotion, but complete obedience. This is what Noah did when he “did everything God commanded him” (Genesis 6:22), even if he did not understand. This is what Abraham did when he was willing to sacrifice Isaac because he feared God more than he feared loss (Genesis 22:12). In contrast, Saul said, "I feared the people and obeyed their voice" (1 Samuel 15:24). He chose fear of people over fear of God—and lost everything. The fear of the Lord keeps me on the path of obedience, even when others don't understand or judge me.

 Answer: No (incorrect) — Explanation: Living without everything being subordinated to the goal of becoming like Christ means:

• Having a life divided between the world and God, oscillating between two kingdoms that cannot coexist in the heart of the born-again believer.

• Keeping areas "untouched" by the will of Christ—whether in thought or behavior—refusing to surrender complete control of your life to Him.

• To continue to set your mind on earthly things instead of seeking the things above, where Christ is (Colossians 3:2), which betrays a heart that has not been fully transformed.

• Living without clear direction, which contradicts the work of the Holy Spirit, who guides the born-again believer toward Christlikeness.

Such a life shows that no real change in priorities has taken place. The Holy Spirit guides the believer daily toward Christlikeness, and the lack of this direction is a sign that the new life has not truly begun.

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